

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-4 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 5-11 are new. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and consideration of the claims as herein amended, in view of these Remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended and specifies, among other limitations, the following subject matter:

... the digitizer being integral in a common housing with the respective camera ... the network interface being integral in a common housing with the respective camera ...

each camera communicating with the ethernet network through the network interface; and

a plurality of compressors integral in a common housing with each camera in advance of the network interface at each camera, each of the compressors outputting a respective compressed signal, the compressed signals each having at least one characteristic different from other of the compressed signals, the at least one characteristic being selected from among:

image resolution, compression type and compressed bit rate.

Claims 1 and 3-4 were rejected under 35 USC Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Reese US PGPUB 2002/0141732. Claims 1 and 3-4 were also rejected under 35 USC Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Deitz 6,591,068. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and request reconsideration of the claims as herein amended in view of these Remarks.

Clearly, neither Reese nor Deitz discloses the following limitations and subject matter set forth in claim 1, as amended:

... the digitizer being integral in a common housing with the respective camera ... the network interface being integral in a common housing with the respective camera ...

a plurality of compressors integral in a common housing with each camera in advance of the network interface at each camera, each of the compressors outputting a respective compressed signal, the compressed signals each having at least one characteristic different from other of the compressed signals, the at least one characteristic being selected from among:
image resolution, compression type and compressed bit rate.

Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over both Reese and Deitz. Claims 3-6 are dependent upon claim 1 and are allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 3-36 are also allowable because of the additional patentable subject matter specified therein.

Claims 7-11 are new and are allowable in view of patentable subject matter set forth therein.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1 and 3-11. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to withdraw or credit any filing fees, or any underpayment or overpayment of any fees, associated with this submission from Moore Landrey Deposit Account No. 50-4128. The undersigned can be reached at (512) 499-8900 to further discuss any issue arising in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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